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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: U.S. ARMY FOREIGN AREA OFFICER PROGRAM (FAOP)
STUDENTS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT TWO FAOP STUDENTS
FROM TAIWAN, MAJOR MARCUS E. MICHAEL AND CAPTAIN ARTHUR L.
PRICKETT, BOTH MEMBERS OF U.S. ARMY FAOP FOR CHINA, ARE
TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO VISIT MANILA NOVEMBER 12-17.

2. VISIT WOULD BE PART OF TRIP THROUGH SOUTHEAST ASIA.
PURPOSE IS "TO CONDUCT TRAVEL AND RECEIVE U.S. EMBASSY/DAO
BRIEFINGS TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MILITARY,
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATIONS IN COUNTRIES
VISITED AND TO EXPLORE FURTHER PRESENT AND PROJECTED
DIRECTION OF THESE COUNTRIES WITH THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, PAR-
TICULARLY WITH ROC AND PRC. ADDITIONALLY, EFFORTS WILL BE
MADE TO UNDERSTAND THE STATUS, INFLUENCE AND ROLE OF THE
OVERSEAS CHINESE WITHIN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILI-
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TARY FRAMEWORK OF THESE COUNTRIES."

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3. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT STUDY OF THIS SORT, INNOCUOUS
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, MAY BE MISINTERPRETED BY GOP OR
ROC, IN SITUATION WHERE GOP IS MOVING TOWARD SWITCHING ITS
TIES FROM TAIPEI TO PEKING. WE HAVE SPECIFIED THAT PLANS
FOR VISIT SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY MANILA AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. WE CONSIDER EMBASSY IN BEST POSITION TO JUDGE
WHAT IS A REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS
DURING THIS FLUID PERIOD IN GOP/PRC/ROC RELATIONS, BUT AT
MINIMUM BELIEVE THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. (STUDENTS HAVE NOT, REPEAT
NOT, ASKED FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS.)

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